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## Unemployment Rate at 4.3 Percent

The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations recently announced that the statewide unemployment rate in September was 4.3 percent, an increase of 0.1 percentage point over August's rate of 4.2 percent.

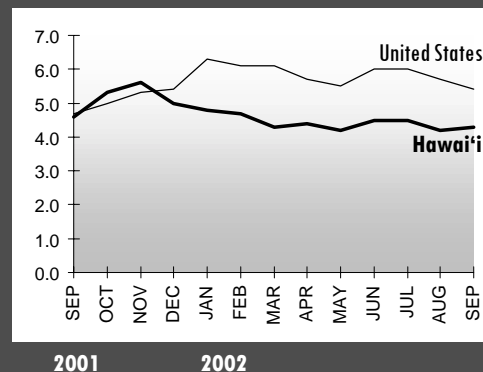
In contrast, the national unemployment rate in September was 5.4 percent, declining over-the-month by 0.3 percentage point from 5.7 percent.

One year ago, Hawaii's unemployment rate stood at 4.6 percent, while the national unemployment rate was 4.7 percent. For ten consecutive months, Hawaii's unemployment rate has been lower than the national unemployment rate. September's statewide figures reflect a labor force comprised of 565,200 employed and 25,400 unemployed.

In a separate measure of employment, the nonagricultural job count increased in September by 600 compared with August.

Seasonal hiring was responsible for the rise in both public and private education, which increased by 2,600 and 700 jobs respectively. With the end of county youth summer programs, local government employment declined by 800 jobs. Retail trade contracted by 500 jobs, as apparel and accessory stores and miscellaneous retail each cut 200 jobs. Within the services sector, professional, miscellaneous, and recreational services each declined by 200 jobs. Other sectors that

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experienced job losses include transportation, which went down by 300 jobs, and the combined finance, insurance, and real estate sectors, which dropped by 200 jobs.

Employment in the other major industry groups showed little change, as jobs in construction, manufacturing, communication, utilities, and wholesale trade remained fairly stable.

*Data sources for unemployment rate and labor force estimates: 1) Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations; and 2) Current Population Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Data source for Nonagricultural job count: Current Employment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations.*

# Labor Force Estimates; Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs (Hawai'i)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted

	STATE OF HAWAI'I			HONOLULU COUNTY			HAWAI'I COUNTY			KAUA'I COUNTY			MAUI COUNTY		
	SEP 2002	AUG 2002	SEP 2001	SEP 2002	AUG 2002	SEP 2001	SEP 2002	AUG 2002	SEP 2001	SEP 2002	AUG 2002	SEP 2001	SEP 2002	AUG 2002	SEP 2001
<b>LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES</b>															
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	590.6	595.8	601.8	417.6	420.5	426.6	70.6	71.3	71.9	28.9	29.3	29.7	73.6	74.6	73.7
EMPLOYED	565.2	571.0	574.4	401.2	404.6	409.1	66.5	67.2	67.2	27.5	27.9	27.8	70.1	71.4	70.2
UNEMPLOYED	25.4	24.8	27.5	16.4	15.9	17.5	4.1	4.1	4.6	1.4	1.5	1.9	3.5	3.2	3.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%	3.9%	3.8%	4.1%	5.8%	5.8%	6.5%	5.0%	5.1%	6.5%	4.7%	4.4%	4.7%

## NONAG. WAGE & SAL. JOBS

TOTAL	545.3	544.6	552.3	404.3	403.0	410.6	54.4	54.4	54.5	25.9	25.9	25.8	60.7	61.3	61.4
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	24.6	24.6	23.5	17.0	16.9	16.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	1.2	1.2	1.0	3.0	3.1	2.9
MANUFACTURING	17.5	17.6	17.9	13.7	13.8	14.1	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	1.7	1.7	1.7
DURABLE GOODS	4.1	4.1	4.2	3.5	3.5	3.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	13.4	13.5	13.7	10.3	10.3	10.5	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.5	1.4
TRANSP., COMM., & UTIL.	38.6	39.0	42.3	29.7	30.1	33.3	2.7	2.7	2.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	4.4	4.4	4.5
TRANSPORTATION	29.3	29.6	32.6	22.5	22.8	25.6	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.4	3.4	3.5
AIR TRANSPORTATION	12.5	12.6	13.3	10.2	10.3	11.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
COMMUNICATION	5.9	6.0	6.3	5.0	5.0	5.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.5
UTILITIES	3.4	3.4	3.5	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
TRADE	132.3	132.8	136.1	94.6	95.0	98.0	13.7	13.6	13.6	7.2	7.2	7.4	16.8	17.0	17.1
WHOLESALE	20.7	20.7	20.9	16.5	16.5	16.7	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.4	1.4	1.5
RETAIL	111.6	112.1	115.2	78.1	78.5	81.4	11.5	11.4	11.3	6.7	6.7	6.9	15.3	15.5	15.6
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	11.4	11.3	11.5	7.4	7.3	7.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.2
GROCERY	11.1	11.1	11.2	7.1	7.1	7.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
APPAREL & ACCESS.	6.8	6.9	7.9	4.8	4.9	5.8	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.2
EATING & DRINKING EST.	49.0	49.2	49.9	35.0	35.1	35.8	4.2	4.1	4.1	2.9	2.9	3.0	7.0	7.1	7.1
FINANCE, INS., REAL EST.	33.0	33.2	32.8	26.6	26.9	26.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.2	2.8	2.8	2.8
SERVICES & MISC.	185.7	185.6	187.2	132.5	131.9	132.5	19.5	19.6	20.2	9.9	10.0	9.9	23.8	23.9	24.6
HOTELS	37.0	36.9	39.0	15.4	15.2	16.2	6.7	6.8	7.3	3.8	3.9	3.9	10.9	11.0	11.6
HEALTH SERVICES	38.2	38.2	37.3	30.7	30.7	30.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.5
HOSPITALS	13.6	13.6	13.6	12.5	12.5	12.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
HEALTH SVC., EX. HOSPITALS	24.6	24.6	23.8	18.2	18.2	17.6	3.0	3.0	2.8	1.0	1.0	0.9	2.5	2.5	2.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	32.0	32.1	31.8	27.0	27.1	26.7	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.7	0.7	0.6	2.1	2.1	2.2
SOCIAL SERVICES	14.6	14.5	14.5	10.1	10.2	10.0	2.3	2.2	2.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.6	1.7	1.6
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	11.1	10.4	11.3	9.7	9.1	10.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.6
ENG., ACCTG., MGT. SVC.	11.4	11.6	11.4	9.0	9.2	8.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
GOVERNMENT	113.6	111.9	112.5	90.2	88.4	89.8	11.0	10.9	10.8	4.1	4.2	4.1	8.2	8.4	7.8
FEDERAL	30.3	30.5	30.0	28.3	28.6	28.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
STATE	66.5	63.8	65.9	50.5	48.0	50.4	7.7	7.6	7.5	2.7	2.6	2.6	5.6	5.7	5.4
EDUCATION	41.9	39.3	41.9	32.9	30.5	33.2	4.4	4.2	4.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.1	3.1	3.0
LOCAL	16.8	17.5	16.6	11.3	11.7	11.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.2	1.1	2.1	2.2	1.9

N.D. = Less than 50 or Not Disclosed.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding. Data for current month is preliminary; other months are revised. State of Hawai'i & Honolulu County job data are in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Total jobs include multiple jobholders & exclude nonagricultural self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics. Estimates include all full- or part-time wage & salary employees who worked/received pay during the week including the 12th of the month. State government data includes all paid positions or jobs in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches, as reported in the Dept. of Accounting & General Services payroll report. It differs from Dept. of Human Resources Development figures, which counts civil service & exempt employees & their full-time equivalency in the executive branch.

## Labor Force Estimates (U.S.)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted.

	SEP 2002	AUG 2002	SEP 2001
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	142,745	143,176	141,576
EMPLOYED	135,063	135,028	134,868
UNEMPLOYED	7,683	8,148	6,708
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.4%	5.7%	4.7%

## Hours & Earnings



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INDUSTRY	PRODUCTION WORKERS	AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVG. WEEKLY HOURS	AVG. HOURLY EARNINGS
Construction & Mining	18,500	\$1,104.83	37.3	\$29.62
Manufacturing	11,500	536.55	37.6	14.27
Communications & Utilities	7,800	1,031.03	42.1	24.49
Trade	116,200	309.91	29.6	10.47
Wholesale Trade	17,800	496.90	38.4	12.94
Retail Trade	98,400	277.07	28.1	9.86
Eating & Drinking Establishments	44,600	184.56	24.0	7.69
Deposit & Nondepository Institutions	6,200	539.65	38.3	14.09
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	33,400	465.20	33.3	13.97

# Workforce Development Division Applicant Profiles

**Listed below are some of the applicants registered with the Hawai'i State Workforce Development Division.**

**Interested employers should call the number following each profile.**

**Accountant:** US Air Force veteran. 15+ years accounting exper. incl. 10 years managerial. BBA, MBA, resume. Salary negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387.*

**Admin. Clerk:** US Army veteran. Knowledge of office mgmt. systems & procedures: incl. answering telephones, bookkeeping, typing, word processing, office machine operation, filing. Seeking \$8/hr. *Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).*

**Admin. Svc. Mgr.:** Recently-separated US Army veteran. Seeks administrative manager or related position. Excellent credentials. US Naval Academy graduate with BS - History. Flew P-3's in the Navy. Computer literate. Very good attitude and communication skills. Salary negotiable. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

**Condo Mgr.:** US veteran. 10+ years condominium management exper. Speaks fluent Japanese with great organizational as well as communication skills. Salary negotiable. *Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).*

**Cook/Sales:** US Navy veteran. Seeking employment as Cook/Baker or Sales. Vast knowledge, skills and exper. in both occupations. As a Cook/Baker- 5+ years military exper.; hands on cooking/baking; institutional type environment, prepared menus and work schedules, supervised, managed, other related duties. Exper. in sales is car sales - open for other types of sales. Several years exper. in car sales - duties included sold & bought cars, prepared contracts for sales and financing; supervised, managed, clerical skills, typing and other office related duties. Currently upgrading computer software skills. Very motivated; ready to work immediately. Salary negotiable. *Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

**Electronic Technician:** US Air Force veteran. Seeks an electronic tech or related position. Very good work exper. in private sector with extensive military background in the field. Excellent attitude and good communication skills. Salary negotiable. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

**Financial Manager/Management Analyst:** Recently-separated US Army veteran. Seeks a career in financial management or related. BA - Business. Various management certificates. Previous employment as grant management specialist with the Center for Disease Control. Computer literate. Excellent interpersonal/communication skills. Salary negotiable. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

**Food Service Management/Chef:** US veteran. Award-winning Executive Chef with 20 years in Culinary Arts. Specialized in Pacific Rim, Italian, French, and Continental cuisines. Ability to train, coach and develop skilled & unskilled employees. Has on/off site catering/banquet exper. *Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).*

**Home Health Aide:** US Navy veteran. 10 years exper. in clinical/residential environment with "at-risk" adolescents, geriatric residents & developmentally disabled adults. BA degree. Resume. Salary negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387.*

**Info. Mgmt. and Telecommunication Svcs.:** US veteran. Progressive project mgr. with broad-base achievements in telecommunications, satellite operations, computer operations, budgeting and problem solving. BS - Management Information System. Frequency Manager Certification. *Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).*

**Info. Tech. Exec.:** US veteran. 22+ years in the IT field. Directed activities of IT teams on mainland & overseas flawlessly. Exper. in strategic planning and implementation of systems globally. Extensive exper. in understanding & dealing with business cultures in Asia and the Pacific. *Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).*

**Logistics Manager:** US Army veteran. Exper. in shipping and receiving, inventory control, cost adjustment for inventory, in both retail and raw material to finished product applications. Seeking \$15/hr. *Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).*

**Night-Time Truck Driver:** US veteran. Seeking a driving position at night. CDL-B with passenger and tanker endorsement. Clean driver's abstract. Exper. in driving tractor trailer tanker-2 years; 6 X 6 five-ton dump trucks-3 years; 44 passenger bus-4 years, 6 x 6 five-ton flat bed-4 years; and all military Humm V's including ambulances and lightly armored vehicles. *Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).*

**Nurses Aide/Phlebotomist:** Recently-separated US Army veteran. Served 4 years & 9 months as Medic/EMT. Military training & exper. 1-1/2 years completed with HPU toward BSN. Currently attending KCC to become state certified for Phlebotomist. Nurse Aide training scheduled to begin upon completion of Phlebotomy course. All training to be completed by November 2002 w/testing to follow. Will be available December-January. Will bring outstanding work ethics, skills and exper. to any medical institution. Salary negotiable. *Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

**Office Worker:** Recently separated US Army veteran. Just completed comprehensive computer training. Positive attitude with team player qualities. Good organizational skills. Salary negotiable. *Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).*

**Outside Sales:** US Navy veteran. Sell mechanical equipment, machinery, materials, supplies and parts, construction machinery, material-handling equipment, industrial machinery, and welding equipment. Seeking \$29,000/yr. *Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).*

**Pressmen/Bindery Printer:** US Army veteran. Many years printing exper. in art-work, press, bindery. Worked from small to medium size shops. Salary negotiable. *Call Clyde Kawakami at 973-8387.*

**Quality Support Inspector:** US Army veteran. 15+ years exper. as Production Control Assistant, Project Coordinator, and Quality Control Inspector. Knowledgeable, energetic, excellent written and oral skill communication. Salary negotiable. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Lihue Office).*

**Safety Management Specialist:** US Navy veteran. Manager of OSHA, EPA, Industry Safety Standards along with companies excellence goals programs. Responsible for training of personnel to ensure safe and efficient plant operations. Seeking \$60,000/yr. *Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).*

**Security Guard:** US Army veteran. 5+ years security guard work in visitor industry. Excellent communications skills. Seeking \$10/hr. *Call Donn Mitsuyuki at 984-2091 (Wailuku Office).*

**Sheet Metal Worker:** USMC veteran. Journey-level, 15 years exper. in fabrication & installation of heating & air conditioning systems, gutters, flashing, water diversion & metal roofing. Seeking \$12/hr. *Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).*

**Sheet Metal Worker:** USMC veteran. Journey-level, 15 years exper. in fabrication & installation of heating & air conditioning systems, gutters, flashing, water diversion & metal roofing. Seeking \$13/hr. *Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).*

**Technical Instructor:** US Air Force veteran. Field Detachment Training Instructor in aircraft maintenance. FAA Airframe & Power Plant license. Background includes computer setup & maintenance. Seeking \$15/hr. minimum. Good team player. Excellent oral & written communication skills. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Lihue Office).*

**Technical Training Manager:** US Navy veteran. Numerous years exper. in communications industry as Technical Training Manager. Has excellent work ethics and positive attitude. Seeking \$95,000/yr. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Lihue Office).*

**Warehousing/Purchasing:** US Army veteran. 8+ years exper. in military as Medic-patient care, other duties inventory, purchasing & accountability of medical supplies. 8+ years exper. in private sector in the Warehouse Industry in all facets including management and supervision. Forklift and computer skills. Currently enrolled at LCC to receive forklift certification and upgrade computer software. Salary negotiable. Very dedicated and exper. worker. *Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

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# Two New Publications Available Online

*Occupational Forecast for Hawaii, 2001-2003* provides short-term industry and occupational projections for the State of Hawaii and Honolulu MSA. The data was derived using 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2001 as the base year and projecting to 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2003.

The information contained in this report may be used by students and jobseekers who are making career decisions; education and training program planners who develop specific occupational training programs; job placement specialists who help people find employment; counselors who assist individuals in selecting careers; managers who design, evaluate, and direct employment and training programs; policy decision makers who develop short-range to long-range personnel policies; and employers who need information to help them plan the expansion or relocation of their businesses.

*A Study of Ethnic Composition of Mass Layoff Events in Hawaii* analyzes the ethnic composition of initial and continued unemployment claimants of mass layoffs occurring over a 12-month period during 2000-2001.

The data generated from this report could be utilized by numerous social services agencies. Two examples of agencies within the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations are the Office of Community Services (OCS) and the Workforce Development Division (WDD).

Both of the aforementioned reports are available for viewing and/or downloading from the Research and Statistics Lo'ihi website: [www.loihi.state.hi.us](http://www.loihi.state.hi.us). The Occupational Forecast report can be found under the "Publications" link in the left frame, while the Study of Ethnic Composition of Mass Layoff Events report is under the "Mass Layoff Statistics" link in the Unemployment section in the right frame.

If you have questions concerning the content of these reports, please call the following telephone numbers:

Occupational Forecast: 808-586-9098

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